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Applicant: Mark E. REDDING et al.

Title: LICENSE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD WITH LICENSE BALANCING

Appln. No. 09/648,853

Filing Date: August 25, 2000

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated December 16, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

The amendments presented below are in compliance with the revised amendment format permitted in the Notice from the Office of Patent Legal Administration of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated February 10, 2003. Thus, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.121(a), (b), (c) and (d) are waived for amendments made in this application to the claims.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows:

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a previous assertion of Small Entity status.

Assertion of Small Entity status is enclosed.

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	Claims As Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Claims Fee
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EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:		\$0.00
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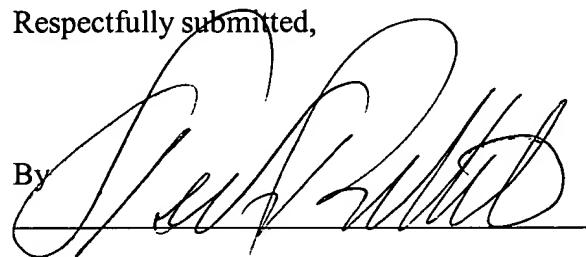
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1. Amendment Transmittal Letter (3 pages);
2. Amendment and Reply to Official Action dated December 16, 2003 (15 pages).

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